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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hikaru Yabuuchi, *et al.* :

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The present application claims priority from application Serial No. 60/208,156 filed May 31, 2000. The present application is titled Human Vanilloid Receptor-Like Proteins and the inventors are Hikaru Yabuuchi and Katsuhiko Shinjo.

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Applicants believe the present claims are allowable, and respectfully request expeditious examination of the pending claims on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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